



Voting Information News

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A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) for voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.

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Voting Assistance Officers

"To Do" This Month:

☒ Encourage participation in the 2007 Voting Slogan Contest. The Slogan Contest is a good way to involve people and promote voter awareness. Distribute this newsletter to the people in your organization. Remember, participants may enter as many slogans in the contest as they wish (see article on right).

☒ Redistribute a copy of this issue to each of your voting assistants so that they may submit their request to be included in the *Voting Information News and News Release* distribution. Have them complete the "Subscription Request Form" on page 4 and email their contact information to vote@fvap.ncr.gov. (Enter "VIN Subscription" in the Subject line.) The form can also be faxed or mailed using the contact information provided.

The FVAP Wants Your Voting Slogans

Send Your Slogans Today

The Voting Slogan Contest is a biennial contest sponsored by the FVAP in its efforts to promote interest in the democratic process among citizens covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* -- members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, their families, and all U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

It is very easy to participate. Just create a simple slogan (or slogans) that expresses in your own words the importance of voting or something that may inspire someone to vote, and submit it to the FVAP.

Upon completion of the contest (April 9, 2007), a panel of independent judges will review slogan submissions and choose the winning slogan on its originality and motivational value. This winning slogan will be featured in the FVAP's 2008-2009 media campaign which focuses on increasing voter awareness among U.S. citizens worldwide and encouraging them to participate in the democratic process. In addition, slogans will be posted on the FVAP Website at www.fvap.gov, in the 2008-2009 *Voting Assistance Guide*, on motivational posters, audiovisual materials and in other FVAP publications and manuals.

The contest winner and runners-up will not only feel the satisfaction of knowing that their slogan is helping improve voter awareness, but they will also be given a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense for their contribution to this important endeavor.

There is no limit to the number of entries a participant may submit, but we request that all slogans be submitted separately

(only one slogan per entry). The deadline for submission is April 9, 2007.

All submissions must include your full name, (Service, if military), mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and email address (if available) so we may contact you upon winning.

Send entries via one of the following methods:

Email:

slogan@fvap.ncr.gov Text only, one slogan per email with contact information on each email. (Due to security concerns any email message with an attachment will be deleted.)

Fax:

(703) 696-1352 or DSN 426-1352 Visit the FVAP Website for toll-free fax numbers from 51 countries. Submit separate page for each slogan with contact information on each page. No cover sheet is necessary.

Mail:

Federal Voting Assistance Program
Department of Defense
Attn.: Voting Slogan Contest
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1155

If submitting by mail, please type or print (legibly) on regular 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper one slogan per page with contact information on each page.

Please join the FVAP in helping to inspire others to vote by submitting your entry today. You could be one of this year's winners! ☒

Help Spread the News! Copy, print and distribute the *Voting Information News* and *News Release* Subscription Request Form available in this issue.

“To Do” This Month

(continued):

The *newsletter* is available by email, regular mail, or both. *News Releases* are distributed only by email because of their perishable nature.

☑ Visit the FVAP Website for current and back issues of this newsletter, *News Releases*, other information and resources as well as links to other sites of interest in carrying out your VAO duties. Encourage others to visit the site often.

Common Abbreviations

Please follow these tips when mailing election materials to reduce the number of handlings in the mail system and move your election materials more efficiently through the mails.

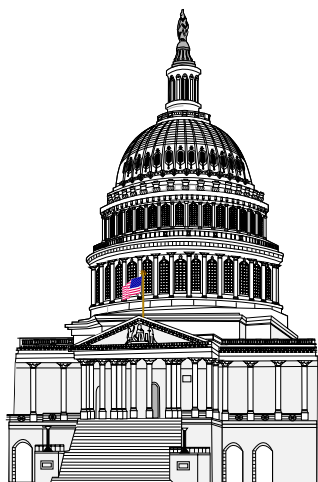
AL = Alabama	AK = Alaska	AS = American Samoa
AZ = Arizona	AR = Arkansas	CA = California
CO = Colorado	CT = Connecticut	DE = Delaware
DC = District of Columbia	FM = Federated States of Micronesia	FL = Florida
GA = Georgia	GU = Guam	HI = Hawaii
ID = Idaho	IL = Illinois	IN = Indiana
IA = Iowa	KS = Kansas	KY = Kentucky
LA = Louisiana	ME = Maine	MH = Marshall Islands
MD = Maryland	MA = Massachusetts	MI = Michigan
MN = Minnesota	MS = Mississippi	MO = Missouri
MT = Montana	NE = Nebraska	NV = Nevada
NH = New Hampshire	NJ = New Jersey	NM = New Mexico
NY = New York	NC = North Carolina	ND = North Dakota
MP = Northern Mariana Islands	OH = Ohio	OK = Oklahoma
OR = Oregon	PA = Pennsylvania	PR = Puerto Rico
RI = Rhode Island	SC = South Carolina	SD = South Dakota
TN = Tennessee	TX = Texas	UT = Utah
VT = Vermont	VA = Virginia	VI = Virgin Islands
WA = Washington	WV = West Virginia	WI = Wisconsin
WY = Wyoming		

Military Post Office Abbreviations

APO = Army/Air Force Post Office	FPO = Fleet Post Office – Navy, Marines, Coast Guard	
AA = Armed Forces the Americas	AE = Armed Forces Europe	AP = Armed Forces Pacific

Common Abbreviations

APT = Apartment	AVE = Avenue	BLVD = Boulevard
CTR = Center	CIR = Circle	CT = Court
DR = Drive	E = East	EXPY = Expressway
HTS = Heights	HWY = Highway	IS = Island
JCT = Junction	LK = Lake	LN = Lane
MTN = Mountain	N = North	NE = Northeast
NW = Northwest	PKWY = Parkway	PL = Place
PLZ = Plaza	RDG = Ridge	RD = Road
RM = Room	S = South	SE = Southeast
SQ = Square	ST = Street	STA = Station
STE = Suite	SW = Southwest	TER = Terrace
TRL = Trail	TPKE = Turnpike	VLY = Valley
W = West	WAY = Way	



Voting Residence Guidelines: Overseas Citizens

The following general guidelines are for **citizens residing outside the United States not affiliated with the Federal government** to determine their state of legal residence for voting purposes.

- ✓ "Legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the state where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the United States. This right extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain.
- ✓ Eligibility to vote and residency requirement is determined by the state. Your right to vote in your state and determination of voting precinct depend on your physical residence while you were in the state.
- ✓ Only 15 states, to date, provide exemption to the physical presence law for UOCAVA citizens overseas. These states allow eligible U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. to register and vote where a parent would be eligible to vote. See the *2006-2007 Voting*

Assistance Guide at www.fvap.gov for specific information.

- ✓ The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* provides that exercising the right to vote in elections for **Federal offices** under the *Act* should not affect for purposes of any Federal, state or local tax, the residence or domicile of a person exercising such right.
- ✓ Voting in **Federal offices only** may not be used as the sole basis to determine residency for the purposes of imposing state and local taxes. If you claim a particular state as your residence and have other ties with that state in addition to voting, then you may be liable for state and local taxation, depending upon that particular state law. Appendix E of the *Guide* contains information on potential tax obligations. Consult your legal counsel or tax adviser with specific questions.

If you have further questions that cannot be answered locally, please contact the FVAP directly. ☑

Changes to Your Guide

Voting Assistance Officer, remember to check for "Changes <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagerrata.html> to the Voting Assistance Guide" (the Errata sheet) at www.fvap.gov and keep your Guide and applicable files updated. Did you note, for example, that North Carolina, Rhode Island and Colorado have expanded use of electronic transmission of voting materials? And that Oregon has asked to be removed from the list referencing "Voting by Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the United States"? Visit www.fvap.gov for specific information.

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https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/pls/portal/url/page/m_ra_home/MR/Personnel/Voting

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TOLL FREE (VIC and FVAP
staff member):
1-800-438-VOTE (8683)

Visit our website for
international toll-free phone
and fax numbers.

EMAIL:
vote@fvap.ncr.gov

Comments or suggestions on
this newsletter are welcome.

Website:
www.fvap.gov

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Voting Information News and News Release Subscription

Instructions: Email, fax or mail the information below to the FVAP. No cover sheet is necessary.

Please Note: Email is proving to be one of the most effective and efficient avenues of communication with the FVAP.

Name

Email

Phone

Mailing Address

☐ I would like to receive the VIN and News Releases by Email at the above address.

☐ I would like to receive the VIN by mail at the above address.

☐ I no longer wish to receive the VIN or News Releases. Please remove my name from your list.

In order to change or remove your name from our mailing list, please provide the exact address as it appears on the mailing label of this newsletter (or attach mailing label).

Comments

Note: If you do not wish to change your delivery option at this time, no reply is necessary to continue receiving these publications.

Moving? Send an FPCA to notify your local election official. Also, send us an email so that you and your replacement can continue receiving this newsletter.

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